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SUBJECT: STRAUSS-USHIBA STATEMENT (SUS) FOLLOWUP-

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- 1. S. OSHIMA OF SECOND NORTH AMERICA DIV., MOFA, TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE JAPANESE WOOD PRODUCTS MISSION TO THE U.S. HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR LATE MAY AFTER THE DIET ADJOURNS, TENTATIVELY MAY 17. A MEETING LAST WEEK BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND FORESTRY MINISTRIES, ALSO AGREED TO CONSIDER MISSION COMPOSITION AND ITINERARY AT A LATER TIME.
- 2. ALTHOUGH COMPOSITION WAS NOT DECIDED,
 OSHIMA SAID THEY ENVISIONED A MISSION BASICALLY
 ALONG THE GUIDELINES OF STRAUSS-USHIBA STATEMENT
 AND PRECEDENT OF MARCH U.S. WOOD PRODUCTS MISSION.
 IT WOULD NOT BE A "BUYING" MISSION, HE NOTED,
 AND JAPANESE INDUSTRY WOULD PROBABLY
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NOT BE REPRESENTED.

3. EMBOFF RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT GOJ IS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS. EMBASSY FEELS U.S. MISSION TO JAPAN WAS APPROPRIATE FOR PURPOSES INTENDED, AND BELIEVES JAPANESE MISSION SHOULD ALSO BE BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNMENT, TECHNICAL,

AND PRIVATE LEVELS. THIS APPROACH WOULD INCLUDE BUYERS AND BUILDERS. JAPANESE MISSION WOULD, WE ASSUME, RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE REGIONAL PRESS COVERAGE.

4. EMBASSY DOES NOT WANT TO SUGGEST ITINERARIES AT THIS TIME, SINCE PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH NORTHWEST HOSTS IS DOUBTLESS NECESSARY. HOWEVER, A LIMITED GROUP INVITATION TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AS PART OF VISIT WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED.

5. GUIDANCE ON ABOVE POINTS REQUESTED.

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